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Driver faces new charges in collision with cyclists

INVESTIGATION An Ottawa driver appeared in court yesterday to face five additional charges in relation to the collision that injured five cyclists on March Road last month.

City police charged Sommit Luangpakham, 45, with five counts of dangerous operation of motor vehicle causing bodily harm. The new charges are the result of a further review by the Crown attorney's office in addition to the five counts of failure to stop at a collision the man already faces.

Just before 8 a.m. on July 19, a minivan struck a group of five cyclists, including Robert Wein, Mark White, Rob Harland, Hilary McNamee and Cathy Anderson on March Road near Solandt Road.

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Sergio Pessoa of Canada, left, throws the current world champion Ruben Houkes of the Netherlands on the mat in the under-60 kilograms men's preliminaries during the World Judo Championships in Rotterdam, The Netherlands, yesterday.

No answers for Suaad

'When I was alone, my government let me down'

Suaad Hagi Mohamud's search for answers about the three months she spent stranded in Kenya was met by stony silence from top government officials responsible for her ordeal.

Instead of explanations from the people who ruled her Canadian passport a fraud, the clearly nervous and frequently emotional Somali-Canadian yesterday received only a promise a probe into her mistreatment will be made public and a vow to "get to the bottom of this" from a government she has few reasons to trust.

"I thought my government would back me up." Suaad Hagi Mohamud

She spoke too fast on occasion, broke into tears in other parts of her hour-long testimony, but said she had come to the capital to make sure no one else goes through what she had to endure.

"I thought my government would back me up. But when I was alone my government let me down," she told a committee of MPs meeting to discuss her case and those of other Canadians who've been let down by Ottawa when they were in trouble abroad.

All she ever wanted to do was get back to her 12-year-old son, whose DNA match ultimately secured her passage back to Canada. Now, she says, young Mohamed Hussein has that persistent fear whenever his mother leaves his side, as she did Tuesday to come to Ottawa.

"It's really hard for him to trust I'm coming back. What I did is I bought him a lot of games to help him to (stay occupied) while I'm away," she said after her testimony, before collapsing in tears.

Mohamud was detained and her passport was seized when she attempted to board a flight from Nairobi to Toronto May 21. Two officials from the High Commission met her at the airport and showed her a picture of her son, but didn't believe her when she insisted on her identity. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Project Hero includes Carleton

STEVE COLLINS
for Metro Ottawa

ASSISTANCE Carleton University is the latest post-secondary school to join Project Hero, establishing a scholarship to provide financial assistance to the children of Canadian Forces killed in the line of duty.

Project Hero was the idea of former chief of defence staff Rick Hillier, now chancellor of Memorial University, and Kevin Reed, honorary lieutenant-colonel of the 31 Brigade, Service Units.

"We have a long tradition of supporting the Canadian Forces." Suzanne Blanchard

Carleton is the seventh Canadian university to offer such a scholarship, joining Memorial, McMaster, Concordia and the universities of Ottawa, Calgary and Windsor. Belleville's Loyalist became the first college to join the program.

Suzanne Blanchard, Carleton's associate vice-president of enrolment management and registrar, said the university's participation hearkens back to its postwar roots.

"We have a longstanding tradition of supporting the Canadian Forces," she said. "We're really proud to be participating."

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Local

Bank robbery suspect sought

Ottawa police have released a photo of a man, hoping the public will assist in identifying him following a robbery at a CIBC branch on Lorry Greenberg Drive earlier this week. At 3 p.m. on Monday, a lone male entered the CIBC branch near Conroy Road. A note was produced demanding cash and an undisclosed amount of money was taken. There were no injuries. Police are seeking a white male, approximately 20 years old, five feet, seven inches with a medium build. METRO OTTAWA

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News in brief

MURDER ARREST La Sûreté du Québec has arrested a 31-year-old man in connection with the July 2005 murder of Graeme Ferguson. Ferguson died at the corner of Kent and Catherine streets in July 2005 following injuries sustained over the previous three to five days while he was allegedly confined and tortured. Police said at the time of his death, Ferguson had just collected 17 kg of pure cocaine with a street value of about $4 million from the lost luggage room of the Voyageur Bus Station. Ottawa police are working to return Paul Layoun to Ottawa to face charges. METRO OTTAWA

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Speed may have factored in 2 collisions

Teen dead, woman critically hurt

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Police are investigating whether speed and improper helmet use were factors in the death of a 16-year-old Gatineau boy Tuesday evening.

Just before 6:30 p.m., a teen riding an ATV failed to negotiate a curve and crashed into a tree on St. Antoine Road in Val-des-Monts, said MRC des Collines Const. Martin Fournel.

The boy, who was riding alone at the time of the collision, suffered multiple system injuries, including trauma to his head, Fournel said. He was taken to hospital in Gatineau where he was pronounced dead.

From witness accounts, police "have speed for sure," said Fournel.

"One of our specialists is doing a check on the bike and the helmet. There's a possibility that the helmet was not tied," he said.

At about the same time, a woman suffered life-threatening injuries after the motorcycle she was a passenger on crashed west of Gatineau.

At about 6 p.m., a motorcycle carrying a driver and a passenger lost control while travelling on Hwy. 148 near Bristol Mines Road in Bristol.

"The driver lost control in a curve," said Sûreté du Québec Sgt. Claude Denis. "Two persons were ejected and suffered severe injuries."

The female passenger, about 30 years old, suffered life-threatening injuries and is in critical condition.

The driver, a male about 60, suffered serious injuries but is in stable condition.

Both were transported first to hospital in Shawville, and then transferred to hospital in Hull.

Although police have already ruled out alcohol as a factor, "it is too early to confirm whether speed is a factor," said Denis.

Two sought in safe robberies

INVESTIGATION Ottawa police are once again seeking the public's assistance in identifying two men who they believe to be linked to three more nighttime commercial break-and-enter robberies targeting safes.

Suspects entered the Red Lobster on St. Laurent Boulevard, the Pine View Golf Course on Blair Road and a Mobilia Store on Star Top Road, between Aug. 14 and 23, targeting safes and an ATM machine.

Police are now seeking two white males in their mid 20s to early 30s.

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Mayor Larry O'Brien, right, checked out some green technology — including an electric ice-resurfacing machine — at city hall yesterday. This fall, the city will be proposing to increase its greenhouse gas emission reduction targets.

City unveils green fleet options

The City of Ottawa took a step into the future yesterday when it unveiled some "green" technology presently in its municipal fleet — as well as possible vehicles in its future.

The city brought in hybrid and other green-friendly cars, trucks and even an ice resurfacer designed to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and improve air quality in the nation's capital — key components of its new Municipal Green Fleet Plan.

"From the use of alternate fuels to a wide range of fuel-efficient hybrid vehicles, the City of Ottawa will be making significant progress in reducing its environmental impact," said Mayor Larry O'Brien. "The other advantage is the Municipal Green Fleet Plan provides economic savings for the taxpayers of Ottawa."

Reducing emissions is the city's moral responsibility, said Coun. Rainer Bloess. "This is part of a far broader global movement, and we have to make sure we're doing our part."

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Cartoonist wins plagiarism case

Claude Robinson, a Montreal cartoonist who spent more than a decade fighting a major production company over plagiarism has finally won his battle in court, CBC News Online reports. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Canada

10-year-olds look at body image: Study

A new Canadian-based study found body-image concerns are now commonplace among children as young as 10 and 11. That teens and young adults feel social and peer pressures to have movie-star bodies is well documented. But the study of some 4,200 Nova Scotia kids shows that children as young as 10 and 11 are getting in on the weight-watching act, with many saying their happiness can hinge on having Hollywood bodies such as Jennifer Lopez, left. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Toronto **Playing with fire**

RICHARD LAUTENS/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Kalen Davidson (or PyRomeo) rehearses his act for BuskerFest, starting today in Toronto. Davidson now is a full-time fire performer and travels the world risking life and limb for the entertainment of others.

Harmonized tax is here to stay: Premier

McGuinty resisting pressure to revamp new levy

The 13 per cent harmonized sales tax is set in stone, Premier Dalton McGuinty has warned Liberal MPPs in a special caucus meeting on the controversial new levy.

Amid rumblings of dissent on the tax that takes effect next July 1 — including from some Liberals who privately muse it should be cut to 12 per cent to make it more politically palatable — McGuinty yesterday said it's full steam ahead with the 13 per cent solution to Ontario's economic woes.

As Liberal MPPs gathered yesterday for a special caucus meeting on the HST at Bay Street's First Canadian Place in Toronto, McGuinty said he is resisting pressure to revamp the levy that melds the eight per cent provincial sales tax with the five per cent federal GST.

"We have a plan in place and we're going to stick to that plan," he told reporters, touting the tax reform as key to cutting costs for business to help create jobs while conceding it's a tough sell.

"It's not the kind of thing (that) I believe will lead Ontarians to lift me onto their shoulders and parade me down the streets to great acclaim," the premier said. "It's not an easy thing."

Some MPPs privately confide they are nervous about losing their seats in the 2011 election and have been getting grief from constituents about the tax on the barbecue circuit all summer.

"Oh yeah," said one backbencher, eyes rolling, on the way into the day-long retreat at offices the Liberals rented from Toronto Board of Trade for $3,500.

The HST portion of the meeting took two hours and 45 minutes, including a lengthy question and answer session after a 20-minute presentation by Revenue Minister John Wilkinson, sources said. Most Liberals leaving the session were tight-lipped, giving the impression a gag order had been issued.

Earlier, MPPs said the message about the coming tax hike on nearly all goods and services currently exempt from the PST is sinking in with voters, but not the "offsets."

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Friends influence diet habits, study finds

HEALTH Want to lose weight? Stay away from your skinny friends who chomp on cheeseburgers and the obese ones who peck away at salads.

A new study conducted by marketing experts at the University of B.C., Arizona State University and Duke University has come up with findings on how the person next to us influences how much we eat.

The three-year-long study was conducted with the help of a skinny UBC student and her fat alter ego in a prosthetic suit. The student chose portion sizes while researchers monitored how her choice influenced people around her.

The researchers used the ruse of a study of the movie I, Robot to bring in university students to ask them questions about the film.

In fact, the study was to test the choices people made while watching how a skinny or fat person ahead of them chose the amount of food they take before the movie started.

The student who donned the fat suit is normally 105 pounds and wears a size double 0. A fat suit was made for her that made her 180 pounds and a size 16. Researchers custom-made her clothes so she wore exactly the same clothing in both sizes.

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Regulator may reveal Facebook proposals

PRIVACY A Canadian regulator may outline new proposals on protecting the privacy of Facebook users today after the watchdog last month found deficiencies in the social networking website's current practices.

The regulator's July report found that information provided by Facebook about its privacy practices is often confusing or incomplete. It said its policy of indefinitely keeping personal information about people who have closed their accounts was in breach of Canadian privacy law.

On Thursday, the regulator, known as the Office of the Privacy Commissioner of Canada, will discuss the outcome of negotiations with Facebook over the past month. The closely held company will hold its own media conference.

The final outcome of Canada's investigation could influence the company's practices in other countries.

"Facebook and any other provider of online social media will have to prioritize privacy to a much greater degree than they have up until now," said independent technology analyst Carmi Levy.

This could mean greater transparency about how such sites gather private information, who they share it with, and what they do with it. REUTERS

Facebook

- Facebook, a website that lets users share pictures, videos, news stories, opinions and private and public messages, has about 12 million Canadian users. It has a total of more than 250 million active users worldwide.

No inquiry to be held into deli meat deaths

LISTERIA There will be no public inquiry into the deaths of 22 Canadians from tainted deli meats last summer after the federal government decided yesterday a sweeping but secretive six-month probe into the crisis was enough.

Conservative MPs at an emergency meeting of the Commons agriculture committee voted six to five in favour of a motion yesterday that said there was no need to rehash the deadly nationwide outbreak of listeriosis in public proceedings after independent investigator Sheila Weatherill delivered a damning report last month that said confusion and foot-dragging had delayed the federal response to a national emergency.

A Commons subcommittee on food safety, which wrapped up its own investigation before Weatherill released her 57 recommendations, had recommended a full public inquiry but Conservative MPs had issued a minority report that did not go so far. Yesterday the government had the majority of votes at a special meeting opposition critics requested to examine the federal response to the Weatherill report because the usual chairperson Conservative MP Larry Miller (Bruce-Grey-Owen Sound) was absent.

Weatherill recommended a third-party audit of resources at the Canadian Food Inspection Agency and the head of the agriculture union stressed yesterday the federal food safety watchdog needs more inspectors to prevent a similar crisis from taking place.

"Unless we hear a strong commitment that — if these reviews of needed resources show that in fact it is true that they need help — that they're going to get it, this is all a waste of time," Bob Kingston told MPs at the committee meeting yesterday, noting that many of the new measures have given inspectors even more work to do. "Without additional resources it is just a matter of time before it all happens all over again."

Dr. Brian Evans, chief veterinary officer at the CFIA, said he did not know whether the government would commit more resources. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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Manitoba task force to probe files on missing, murdered women

The Manitoba government, RCMP and Winnipeg police formally established a task force yesterday to review cases involving missing and murdered women, CBC News Online reports. "These women were mothers, daughters, sisters and friends. Many are aboriginal," Attorney General Dave Chomiak said. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Liberals, Bloc tied in Quebec

POLITICS The federal Liberals are neck and neck with separatists in the key battleground of Quebec, a poll shows.

A CROP poll published yesterday shows the Liberals tied with the Bloc Québécois at 30 per cent support.

The Conservatives have gained four points since June in the province.

REUTERS

Alberta trims the fat

ANDREAS MORSE
For Metro Canada

With a larger-than-forecast deficit, Alberta has decided it's time to trim some fat.

The $6.9 billion deficit shown in the 2009-10 first quarter fiscal update is $2.2 billion higher than what was forecast.

The boost is attributed to weaker-than-forecast natural gas prices, a higher Canadian dollar and other declining revenue.

"We have charged each department to look internally at those kinds of things that can help with that adjustment," said Finance and Enterprise Minister Iris Evans.

"The government has instituted a hiring freeze and is cutting discretionary and low-priority spending, but will hold off on giving specific details."

Evans said the government will rely on the $17 billion sustainability fund to offset the deficit.

Scott Hennig, Alberta director of the Canadian Taxpayers Federation, isn't so sure the fund will last.

Mystery car **Did it help man flee?**

ANDREA WOO/FOR METRO CANADA

A silver PT cruiser matching the description of the car that dropped accused murderer Ryan Jenkins off at the motel where he committed suicide has been found in the parking garage of the Vancouver condo where his half-sister, Alena, lives. Jenkins was wanted in connection with the killing of his ex-wife, Jasmine Fiore.

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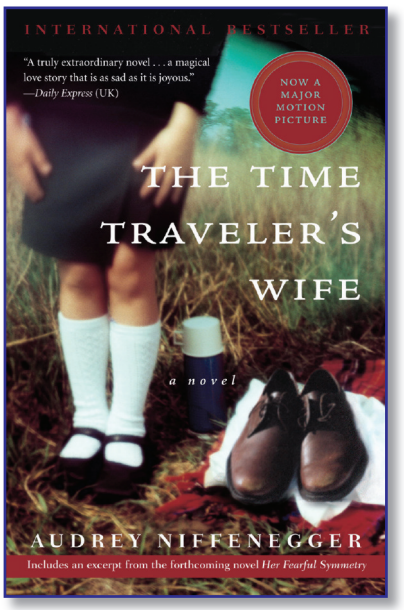

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Bye Bill, here comes Danny

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STORM Brace yourself — another major weather system could be heading in this weekend.

The extended forecast from the National Hurricane Centre shows tropical storm Danny crossing over the Maritimes early Sunday morning.

This, after hurricane Bill brought heavy rain and strong winds to the region just five days ago.

Environment Canada issued an information statement yesterday about Danny, which is situated north of the Bahamas and packing winds of about 75 kilometres per hour.

"The centre of the path has it checking into the Delta hotel in Saint John Sunday morning at 8 a.m.," radio meteorologist Richard Zurawski said yesterday.

"I think everybody is watching it with bated breath. It's strengthening. It's expected to become a hurricane Friday morning."

Zurawski said if Danny's path doesn't change, "Halifax would get much more wind than rain" because it would be to the right of the storm's centre.

News in brief

INVESTIGATION Three years after Stephanie Stewart disappeared from a Hinton-area watchtower in Alberta investigators are no closer to knowing why. Stewart went missing from the Athabasca Lookout Tower where she worked on Aug. 26, 2006. "So far, we've followed up on everything we have and were looking for more," said Sgt. Patrick Webb. "Our last tip was a couple of months ago."

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Nine reported dead in ferry sinking
A small Indonesian ferry sank off the resort island of Bali yesterday, killing nine people while three others remain missing, the official news agency Antara reported. REUTERS

World

A wrap for Camelot?

Ted Kennedy's death puts family dynasty in doubt

U.S. Senator Edward Kennedy's death marks the twilight of one of America's most fabled political families, with no heirs to the Kennedy name poised to emerge with the same mix of gravitas, ambition and celebrity.

Kennedy

Kennedy, 77, one of the most effective lawmakers in U.S. history and the brother of assassinated President John F. Kennedy, died late Tuesday after battling brain cancer.

"There seems to be no one there to pick up the torch," said Thomas Whalen, a professor of politics at Boston University.

"There doesn't seem to be someone in the next generation to carry the load here. Ted Kennedy might be it, he might be the end of the line," said Whalen.

Many younger Kennedys are active in civic life but none on the scale of Ted Kennedy, last of four Kennedy brothers, including John, elected president in 1960 and assassinated in 1963; and Robert, a New York senator whose presidential bid ended with his assassination in 1968.

Kennedy torch-bearers include his son, 42-year-old Patrick Kennedy, a Democratic congressman from Rhode Island. His brushes with controversy could complicate a run for higher office though — most recently in 2006 when he sought help for dependency on prescription drugs.

Still, when Ted Kennedy was his son's age in 1974, his own political future looked nearly just as uncertain.

Five years earlier, Mary Jo Kopechne, a young aide, drowned when Kennedy's car plunged off a bridge on a resort island after a night of partying. Moral character questions and whispers of alcoholism dogged Kennedy at the time. REUTERS

Obama's reaction

• U.S. President Barack Obama said regarding the passing of Kennedy: For five decades, virtually every major piece of legislation to advance the civil rights, health and economic well being of the American people bore his name and resulted from his efforts."

Spain **Red party**

HERNDO ALVAREZ/REUTERS

Revellers battle it out with tomato pulp during the annual "Tomatina" near Valencia yesterday. The origin of the tomato fight is disputed, but most agree it started around 1940, in the early years of General Francisco Franco's dictatorship.

News in brief

AFGHANISTAN Partial results from last week's election put Afghan President Hamid Karzai ahead of rival Abdullah Abdullah, but not by enough to avoid a run-off in October, figures released yesterday showed. With 17 per cent of votes tallied, Karzai held a lead of 43 per cent to 34 per cent over former foreign minister Abdullah. To avoid a run-off, a candidate must secure more than 50 per cent of the vote.

KOREA The rival Koreas neared a deal to resume reunions of families separated by the Korean War at a rare meeting yesterday that follows conciliatory moves made by the North after it was hit by sanctions, reports said. The inter-Korean meeting held by Red Cross Societies is the first on humanitarian issues in two years and comes after Pyongyang cut ties with Seoul in anger at the hardline policies of its president. The North suspended the reunions, which were last held about two years ago. REUTERS

Donor drive aims to end prisoner organ trade

ORGAN TRANSPLANTS China launched its first national organ donation system in a bid to crack down on organ trafficking and create a source for transplants other than executed prisoners, who currently make up the majority of donors.

Executed criminals account for 65 per cent of organ donors, the China Daily said yesterday, in an unusual admission of the prevalence of the practice.

"(Executed prisoners) are definitely not a proper source for organ transplants," Vice Health Minister Huang Jiefu told the paper.

Nearly 1.5 million people in China need organ transplants, but every year only 10,000 people can get one, according to the Health Ministry.

The shortage means that desperate patients bid up the price, and contributes to corruption and unfairness in organ allocation.

"Transplants should not be a privilege for the rich," said Huang. REUTERS

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Lead levels in paint putting kids at risk: Study

Paint with dangerously high lead levels is still being sold for household use worldwide, putting hundreds of millions of young children at risk of permanent brain damage, according to new research. REUTERS

CIA detainee interrogation techniques revealed

MEMO Sleep deprivation, "insult slaps," water dousing and "walling," or slamming a detainee's head against a wall, were techniques used by CIA interrogators to break high-value detainees, according to an agency memo.

The memo, sent to the U.S. Justice Department's Office of Legal Counsel on Dec. 30, 2004, was released on Monday under a Freedom of Information Act lawsuit filed by Amnesty International USA and the American Civil Liberties Union.

U.S. Attorney General Eric Holder on Monday named a special prosecutor to probe Central Intelligence Agency prisoner abuse cases.

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Clerics crack down on Saudi festivals

Government's tourism efforts thwarted

Saudi Arabia's religious police is cracking down on summer festivals that the government hopes will promote domestic tourism, in the latest battle between liberals and conservatives in the world's biggest oil exporter.

The Saudi government is trying to promote internal tourism but restrictions on singing, dancing and mixing of unrelated men and women by the powerful religious establishment has complicated the effort.

Conservative clerics backed by some powerful members of the Saudi royal family oppose efforts to liberalize the country of 25 million, where women are also forbidden from driving.

"These acts contradict the faith and must not be done, taught, spread or encouraged," religious police spokesman Abdullah al-Mashiti told al-Watan daily this week, referring to circus acts such as fire-eating and lying on beds of glass that he believes is a form of magic outlawed by Islamic Sharia law.

The religious police is one of the key instruments of clerical control in society, with powers to enforce gender segregation in most government and commercial buildings and search for drugs, alcohol or other items seen as immoral.

"Unfortunately such actions carried on by religious police do not adhere to the official political will and they sabotage the government efforts to improve and maintain the internal tourism industry," said Mahmoud Sabbagh, a newspaper columnist.

REUTERS

Cancelled

- Jeddah's summer film festival was cancelled this year despite the support of local governor Prince Khaled al-Faisal. King Abdullah, who ascended the throne in 2005, is seen as backing the reformers but he must balance the opposing forces.

News in brief

ESCAPED One of two French security advisers kidnapped by insurgents in Somalia last month escaped yesterday and fled to the presidential palace in Mogadishu. Police said the former hostage killed three of his captors, but Marc Aubriere denied killing anyone and said he slipped away while his guards were sleeping.

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Pakistan to crack down on Ramadan beggers

For many Muslims, Ramadan is a time of generosity, prompting thousands of poor Pakistanis to turn to begging just for the holy month. Authorities in Karachi have launched a crackdown on the thousands of so-called professional Ramadan alms-seekers. REUTERS

Venezuela to bar violent video games

Venezuelan lawmakers are moving to outlaw the sale of violent video games and toys in an attempt to fight rampant crime in the country.

A bill to ban sales of violent games passed its first hurdle in the National Assembly on Tuesday evening, the legislative chamber said in a statement issued yesterday.

Dozens of people are murdered every week in the capital Caracas, one of Latin America's most dangerous cities, sometimes for as little as a pair of shoes or a mobile phone.

Opponents of President Hugo Chavez say 100,000 people have been murdered since he assumed office in February 1999. The government says its opponents and Venezuela's private media exaggerate the problem.

Police release crime statistics irregularly and officials frequently say they do not know how many homicides have taken place.

Some countries ban violent video games and many restrict their sale to children. Although few studies have shown that such games cause aggressive tendencies, they have often been the subject of controversy. REUTERS

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If you live in Venezuela you might not be able to purchase video games like Grand Theft Auto if lawmakers have their way.

Taliban deny any role in bombing

AFGHANISTAN The Taliban denied responsibility yesterday for a massive attack in the southern city of Kandahar that killed and wounded dozens of Afghan civilians the previous day.

Some 43 Afghan civilians were killed and 65 others were wounded when a truck bomb was remotely exploded in Kandahar city on Tuesday at dusk, the Afghan Interior Ministry said. REUTERS

U.S. army chopper drops ballots

AFGHAN ELECTION A U.S. military helicopter carrying ballot boxes packed with votes from last week's Afghan election accidentally dumped some of them somewhere over the rugged mountains of Nuristan, officials said on yesterday.

Some 50 ballot boxes were being carried in a "sling load" beneath a Chinook helicopter from the provincial capital Paroon when the accident happened, they said.

"During transport, apparently some of the materials came out of the load as it was travelling," U.S. army Lieut. Tommy Groves told Reuters.

He said 15 of the 25 boxes that fell were recovered. The Independent Election Commission said the votes had already been counted and the totals added to the national tally.

A partial tally based on 10 per cent of the votes counted has President Hamid Karzai and rival Abdullah Abdullah running neck-and-neck, suggesting a close race headed for second round. REUTERS

News in brief

MUGABE Zimbabwean officials dismissed a South African newspaper report that President Robert Mugabe was ill yesterday as rubbish and the product of "sick and evil minds." The Times newspaper had reported that Mugabe, 85, was taken to a Dubai hospital after falling ill and was undergoing specialist treatment. "The president is not sick but was away on holiday. He returned home yesterday, and those reports are a load of rubbish that we get from sick and evil minds," said one official. REUTERS

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Comment

Silver foxiness is a powerful force

There's something painfully alluring about older men. In my teens and early 20s, I was far less likely to make moony eyes at my spotty-faced peers than at the supply teachers and rakish professors at the chalkboard. They were taller. Better dressed. Widely travelled. And, best of all, they KNEW stuff! Older men waxing rhapsodic on James Joyce were far more attractive to me than boys who performed keg stands, wore backwards baseball caps and smelled a bit like wet dog.

Call me crazy.

Silver foxiness is a powerful force that cannot be denied. Catherine Zeta-Jones, Calista Flockhart, Penny Lancaster and Katie Holmes have all settled down with men at least 15 years their senior.

There are certain biological advantages to the pairing of younger women to older men. Males have a much longer reproductive shelf life; for women, menopause marks the end of the line for the baby train, while men can ably reproduce into old age. Tony Randall conceived two children well into his 70s and the oldest father on record, Nanu Ram Jogi, sired a daughter at age 90. (High-five, buddy.)

Physical prowess has become less important than physical wealth when it comes to a man's ranking in society. Older men often have the money, power, experience and wisdom their youthful counterparts lack, giving them the means to immediately and comfortably provide for a family. Selecting such a mate would be advantageous for a woman in her childbearing years.

A recent study by the Max Planck Institute in Germany found that marrying a younger woman may be the key to living a longer life. According to the study, men who married women 15 to 17 years their junior were less likely to die prematurely. Even those who married women a mere seven to nine years younger were 11 per cent less likely to expire early. One possible reason for this phenomenon is that younger women select healthier, better-maintained older men as mates.

"Another theory is that a younger woman will care for a man better and therefore he will live longer," said institute spokesman Sven Drefahl. Or maybe waking up next to a sweet young thing every morning gives the older gent a little extra get-up-and-go.

In a strange and almost vampiric twist, the same study indicated that women who marry older men actually increased their likelihood of an early death. Perhaps caring for a silver fox can get a little, umm, old.

Sofi Papamarko is a 20-something writer based in Toronto. Her heroes include Desmond Morris and Nancy Sinatra.

Views

Women biggest losers in Afghan elections

Reports the Taliban sliced off the index fingers of two Afghan women who dared to vote in their country's elections last week were a reminder, if we needed any, who the polls' biggest losers were.

Afghan President Hamid Karzai and his main rival, former foreign minister Abdullah Abdullah, seem to be neck-and-neck in results. But poor security, rampant fraud and too few female election staff kept many women away from voting stations, leaving us wondering what chance women stood in getting their voices heard.

Going into the Aug. 20 polls, things didn't look so bad for women on paper. There were nearly 350 women registered as provincial council candidates — about 10 per cent of the total. Afghanistan's constitution reserves one-quarter of provincial council seats for women to guarantee them a role in political life. There were even two women among the 35 challengers to Karzai for the presidency.

But the Taliban's brutality is just one of the many rocks and hard places that surround Afghan women.

Karzai, the celebrated "moderate" on the scene, showed how spectacularly easy it was to sell out women for votes when he ratified a controversial family law to win the votes of fundamentalists. He promised to reword it after an international outcry but, in fact, made it even worse.

The legislation, meant to govern family law for minority Muslim Shiites, who make up about 15 per cent of Afghanistan's 30 million people, gives a man the right to withdraw basic maintenance from his wife, including food, if she refuses to obey his sexual demands, according to Human Rights Watch.

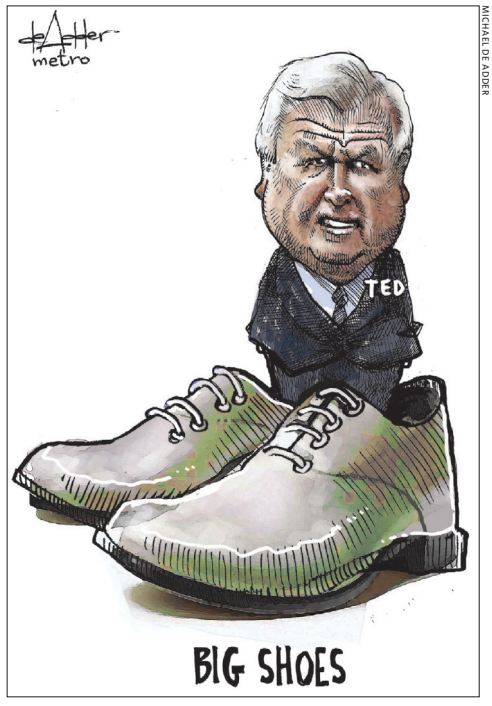
It's an especially painful blow for women's rights because Afghan Shiites are generally more liberal than many of their Sunni country people. Also, the Afghan constitution bans any kind of discrimination and distinction between citizens.

In the run-up to the polls, Karzai courted former warlords, some of whom had been powerful in the chaos that hit Afghanistan after the Soviet withdrawal in 1989. The warlords are known to be as conservative and brutal as the Taliban — i.e., no friends to women either.

Fighting between NATO troops and the growing Taliban insurgency takes a huge toll on Afghan civilians and makes it almost impossible for women's groups to do the simplest of their work, let alone take on those myriad rocks and hard places.

So exactly for whose benefit were the elections? Clearly, not women's.

Mona Eltahawy is an award-winning Egyptian-born commentator and public speaker on Arab and Muslim issues. She reported on the Middle East for 10 years before moving to the U.S.



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CRTC fines three telemarketers for violating do-not-call list

The Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission yesterday fined the first telemarketers for violating its do-not-call list, CBC News Online reports. The CRTC said it has fined Rob Sugar $4,000 and that it has also issued $10,000 fines to Roofing by Peerless Mason Ltd. and Waterproofing by Peerless Mason Inc. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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Cell firm's photo grab causes uproar

Copyright laws get muddled on the Net

Professional photographers are routinely paid thousands of dollars by big companies to take pictures that will help sell products — but some amateur shutterbugs are unwittingly doing the work for free.

Alan McDermott never imagined that a photo he took last year of a striking piece of Dublin graffiti would end up in a Canadian cellphone company's promotional material without his permission.

"Virgin is a multibillion-dollar company," McDermott said in an interview, adding he never gave anyone permission to use his image. "They should know better. It's not an accidental mistake, it's outright theft."

"It's not an accidental mistake, it's outright theft."
Alan McDermott

The Canadian arm of the cheeky mobile company was originally conceived as a joint venture between Sir Richard Branson's sprawling Virgin Group and Bell Canada Inc., but is now wholly owned by Bell. "The image was taken from Flickr," said Chris Baines, a spokesman for Virgin in Canada. "We do apologize and will be in touch with (the photographer)."

Baines said the picture was used only in a "small quantity of booklets produced to go to the media to explain our campaign" and there are no plans to include it in the company's advertising.

Such incidents are becoming increasingly common as people turn to the web to self-publish their work and share personal information. Courts are struggling to adapt copyright and licensing laws that were not conceived with the Internet in mind. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Tokyo **Mixi aims to boost users**

YURIKO NAKAO/REUTERS

Kenji Kasahara, founder and chief executive of Japan's biggest social networking site Mixi Inc., speaks during an interview at the company headquarters in Tokyo yesterday. Mixi plans to boost the number of its users to 30 million from 17 million within four years, Kasahara said yesterday.

CIBC profit lower than expected

BANKS Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce reported a lower-than-expected quarterly profit yesterday as it set aside more money to cover bad loans, sending shares 5.8 per cent lower.

A day after Bank of Montreal surprised investors with stronger-than-expected earnings and a drop in credit losses, CIBC went in the opposite direction, posting a profit that was smaller than analysts had expected and loan-loss provisions that were bigger. REUTERS

Business in brief

OPEL The German government signalled yesterday that talks between Berlin and General Motors over the fate of its European unit Opel are threatening to drag on, raising the spectre of insolvency again. Talks to sell Opel have dragged on for months. REUTERS

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Timberwolves shoot down Rubio report

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Sports

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NHL leaves door open

Bid for Coyotes allows for relocation of team

The NHL has long argued that hockey can thrive in Arizona and gone to extreme lengths to block Jim Balsillie from relocating the Phoenix Coyotes to Hamilton, but its own bid for the team contains a provision to move the bankrupt club.

The NHL said it will conduct "an organized bid process to relocate the franchise in another territory" if a buyer wishing to keep the team in Phoenix can't be found, according to the bid made public yesterday.

The NHL's offer for the financially bleeding franchise is worth up to $140 million (all figures U.S.), but the league plans only to manage the team until it can be sold to an acceptable third party.

"By acquiring the team at this time," the league stated in its bid, "the NHL will be able to salvage the team's 2009-10 season and can establish a more constructive timetable in which to solicit offers from qualified parties."

The league put forth a bid for the team Tuesday when its preferred purchaser, Jerry Reinsdorf, removed himself from the process. That leaves the NHL, Balsillie's PSE Sports and Ice Edge Holdings, composed of Canadian and American investors, as the three groups contending for the team.

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Bid details

PSE Sports
- $212.5M
- Bid contingent on being able to move team to Hamilton.

Ice Edge Holdings
- $150M
- Would keep team in Arizona with commitment to grow hockey in southwest U.S.

NHL
- $140M
- Wants to salvage 2009-10 season in Phoenix, but will eventually sell to third party.

Arsenal roll over Celtic

SOCCER Arsenal eased into the group stages of the Champions League yesterday by outclassing Celtic 3-1 to enter Thursday's draw where they will be joined by Fiorentina, VfB Stuttgart, Olympiakos and APOEL Nicosia.

A controversial penalty converted by Brazilian-born Eduardo after 28 minutes allowed Arsenal to build on their 2-0 victory in Glasgow in the first leg of their final playoff round tie last week.

Well-crafted goals by Emmanuel Eboue and Andrei Arshavin after the break underlined the gulf in class between the two sides although Massimo Donati salvaged a little pride for the Scottish side and their visiting army of fans, lashing a volley with the last kick of a one-sided tie.

REUTERS

Baseball Blue Jays beat Rays

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Toronto Blue Jays starting pitcher Marc Rzepczynski squeezes a ball after giving up the first hit of the game to Tampa Bay Rays' Pat Burrell during the sixth inning last night. The Jays won 3-2.

Sports in brief

NFL The New York Jets have named rookie Mark Sanchez as their starting quarterback for the season opener Sept.13 against the Houston Texans. The decision to go with Sanchez over fourth-year pro Kellen Clemens was made yesterday morning by first-year head coach Rex Ryan, who later held a news conference to announce the move.

NFL Running back Edgerrin James officially signed a one-year deal with the Seattle Seahawks on Tuesday. The 31-year-old James rushed for just 514 yards and three touchdowns on 133 carries while adding 12 receptions for 85 yards in a reduced role last season for the NFC champion Cardinals.

NHL New York Islanders veteran centre Mike Sillinger announced his retirement from the National Hockey League yesterday. The 38-year-old played three of his 17 seasons for the Islanders, tallying 42 goals and 45 assists over 141 games, while serving as the club's alternate captain.

NHL The Ottawa Senators have named Pierre Dorion director of player personnel and Randy Lee director of hockey administration and player development.

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Homes in **Style**

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EMMA YARDLEY
for Metro Canada

When an English industrial designer in the late 19th century began making pieces inspired by his journey to Japan, he ignited a decor craze across Europe.

These days, the trend goes beyond simply displaying a painted paper screen or a lacquered jewelry box. As the popularity of low-impact living rises, so has the demand for Japanese-influenced interiors.

"I think that now more than ever people are viewing their homes as places of serenity and tranquility," says Eric Kirsten, who works in corporate marketing for Teknion Furniture Systems.

"Japanese interiors are minimalist and free of clutter."

The simplicity of Japanese interior design — with its neutral colour palette, low functional furnishings, and use of natural light and materials, such as bamboo, dark woods and silk — creates the perfect framework for a peaceful living space.

Small bursts of colour help sweeten a colour scheme that is traditionally grounded in black and white. Envelope silk pillow cover, $19 each, inserts, $14 each, West Elm, westelm.com.

These glass bamboo vases are a fun interpretation of one of the world's most renewable building materials. $24 (small), $28 (medium) and $32 (large). Urban Barn, urbanbarn.com.

Traditional Japanese furniture designs inspired this elegant dark wood "Sushi" chair. $259.99, ROM Museum Store, rom.on.ca.

The dark wood stain and elegant lines of this Shantou console table makes it the perfect place to put your keys when you come home. The Home Depot, $278, homedepot.ca.

Store a stack of throws or place this storage cube beside a low couch and use it as a side table. Canadian Tire, $89.99, canadiantire.ca.

A set of wall ledges is a simple way to display precious objects or family photos. Canadian Tire Home Collection, $32.99, canadiantire.ca.

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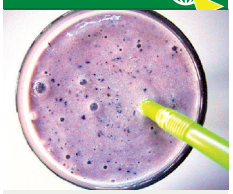

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Gooey grilled cheese to go

And don't forget these mud pies — make ahead and pack them in lunches

Three-Cheese Grilled Sandwich with Tomatoes and Onions

Who would have thought that the classic grilled cheese sandwich would make such a comeback? Here's a twist on the traditional; I use it as a lunch, dinner or snack item and even cut the sandwich into quarters as an appetizer. Feel free to substitute cheeses of your choice. **SERVES 4**

INGREDIENTS:
- 2 oz light aged cheddar cheese, thinly sliced
- 2 tbsp Parmesan cheese, freshly grated
- ¼ cup crumbled goat or feta cheese
- 4 slices wholegrain bread
- 4 slices plum tomato
- 4 slices sweet onion

METHOD:

Divide the cheddar, Parmesan and goat cheese between two slices of bread. Top with the sliced tomatoes and onions. Cover with the remaining two slices of bread. Spray both sides of each sandwich with cooking oil.

Spray a non-stick skillet with cooking oil and place over medium heat. Cook the sandwiches for approximately 4 minutes per side, being careful not to burn them.

Cut each sandwich into quarters and serve 2 per person.

LORELLA ZANETTI

Three-Cheese Grilled Sandwich with Tomatoes and Onions

Great for back to school

Miniature Chocolate Mud Pies

This has to be my number one dessert! They are dense and send you into chocolate heaven. You will never believe they are light. They can be made a couple of days in advance or frozen for up to two weeks. **SERVES 12**

INGREDIENTS:
- 1 cup chocolate wafer crumbs
- 1 tbsp water
- 2 tsp vegetable oil
- 2 tbsp chocolate chips
- 2 tbsp hot water
- 1 tsp instant coffee
- 1 cup brown sugar
- ½ cup cocoa powder
- 2 tbsp all purpose flour
- 2 ½ oz light cream cheese
- 2 large eggs
- ¼ cup low fat sour cream
- 3 tbsp corn syrup
- 1 tsp vanilla
- Icing sugar (garnish)

METHOD:

Preheat oven to 350 F. Spray a 12 cup muffin tin with vegetable oil.

In small bowl combine wafer crumbs, water and oil until mixed. Divide and pat into bottom of muffin tins.

In small bowl combine chocolate chips, water and coffee. Microwave for 40 seconds or just until chocolate begins to melt. Stir until smooth.

In a bowl of food processor add sugar, cocoa, flour, cream cheese, eggs, sour cream, corn syrup and vanilla. Puree until smooth. Add chocolate mixture and puree until smooth.

Divide among muffin cups and bake for 12-14 minutes or just until centre is still slightly loose. Cool and chill at least 2 hours before serving. Carefully remove from tin with knife.

Garnish with icing sugar.

RYAN SZULC

Miniature Chocolate Mud Pies

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When it comes to home-grown wine this century has been very, very good to Canada. Ontario and British Columbia have made some major strides internationally; while upstarts like Nova Scotia have proven that with forward-thinking investment everything is possible (especially sparkling wine).

But not everything is sunshine and lollipops.

The controversy over the term "Cellared in Canada" (given to those wines made from a combination of fruit grown in and outside of Canada) has some in the industry fuming. The concern is that they are often shelved at liquor stores along with wines not blended with foreign juice which could be confusing to consumers.

If you can see past the labelling issue some of these wines are well worth a try. **The Wild Horse Canyon 2007 Shiraz ($11.95 - $13.97)** combines liquid from B.C., Washington and California.

Even with all that North American influence it tastes more like an Australian with a lightly sweet flow of earthy wild berries, plums and subtle spice.

The Painted Turtle Sauvignon Blanc ($9.95 - $11.99) isn't as regionally specific but offers a fresh, juicy mix of citrus and tropical fruits that would make a good match with light creamier sauces and fresh shellfish.

Prices reflect the range across the country. Some products may not be available in all provinces.

Peter Rockwell is the everyman's wine writer, working in the liquor industry for more than 25 years and travelling the globe looking for something to fill his glass and put into words.

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HOW TO WEAR IT Head-to-toe animal print dressing looks busy, so remember to choose only one item at a time. Give a chic punch to a sombre outfit with a print belt or bag. Leopard boots and shoes leap out as one of the hottest musts for fall. Safari motifs were updated on the runways with splashes of pink, purple and violet for bright, energetic styling.

Cotton cardigan, Scrapbook Originals ($110, 514-388-9706)

Lace-trimmed polyester bustier ($39.50, at La Senza)

PVC clutches ($30 each, at Spring)

T-strap leather sandals, Guess ($135, 1-800-465-3638)

Viscose and polyester flared dress, Miss Sixty ($329, info@sixtycanada.com); ponyskin belt, Liz Claiborne ($49, lizclaiborne.com)

STUDIO ANDRÉ DOYON

TWO-TONE BAUBLES

Silver and gold play nicely together this fall.

Small Tambour yellow-gold and steel automatic watch, Louis Vuitton ($9,750, 1-866-VUITTON)

Celebration rings, Tiffany & Co. (from $2,250, tiffany.ca)

Vintage-inspired snake bracelets, Cathy B Jewelry ($295 for a set of three, cathybjewelry.com)

Perfect match

Isaac Mizrahi brings his design magic to Liz Claiborne

By LAURA DECARUFEL
Senior Editor

Isaac Mizrahi is what's known in sports as a difference-maker: You add him to the team and the game changes. His most recent design success has been at Liz Claiborne (1-800-565-6399, lizclaiborne.com), where he started as creative director in 2008. With his first collection — pretty patterned dresses and watermelon-hued cardigans for spring 2009 — he eliminated the brand's outlet-mall associations and repositioned it as a fashion all-star.

"I was offered the best job in the world," says Mizrahi in his trademark conspiratorial rasp. "I remembered Liz Claiborne as this perfect, sterling thing from when I was growing up. Oh, I loved it. I loved her. Sure, the brand had gotten a little tarnished, but I didn't take the job to acknowledge that." Mizrahi likens the process of revitalizing Liz Claiborne to filming Unzipped, the 1995 documentary he made with then boyfriend Douglas Keeve about designing a collection. "You don't want to know how big the mountain is or you wouldn't try to climb it."

Judging by the fall collection, Mizrahi is now on top. "I was thinking about flappers and lumberjacks," he says. "Did you see that velvet dress? I'm crazy about that dress. But the main thing I'm inspired by are the women who buy [the line]. That makes me think logically, which is fun, because with the rest of my projects, I don't necessarily think logically" — he lets out a hoot of laughter — "at all."

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Entertainment

New Catwoman

Megan Fox is to play Catwoman in the next Batman film. She has reportedly signed on to appear in the sequel to The Dark Knight alongside Christian Bale and Michael Caine.

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Monkeys make dark return

Arctic Monkeys

Album: Humbug
Label: Domino/Outside
Rating: ⊕⊕⊕½

IT'S A MUSIC cliché, but it's on third albums where bands reinvent themselves. Scrappy Brit-rockers the Arctic Monkeys have done just that, creating their meatiest and darkest album yet. Unlike their past records, which saw the hyper-active foursome banging out indie pop hits, Humbug is a much sludgier, Sabbath-like affair. If some parts sound like they're ripped from the Queens of the Stone Age playbook (Portion Approaching for one) it's because that band's frontman, Josh Homme, produced the disc. For the most part that union worked — the Monkey's prove that they're not just for indie rockers anymore.

Bryan Borzykowski/for Metro Canada

MusicReviews

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Collective Soul

Album: Collective Soul
Label: Roadrunner
Rating: ⊕⊕

THERE'S NO QUESTION that Collective Soul had some good songs — Gel and Shine to name two — but those tunes were popular a decade ago. Surprisingly, the CS of today sounds just like they did back then — they've still got bright guitars and gutteral "yeahs," and they continue to move from arena-ready rock to fuzzy indie sounds. However, while they haven't changed much, everyone else has. Their music's dated. The tunes are boring, overwrought and just plain cheesy. If this disc is for anyone, it's the people still playing World I Know on their guitar.

Bryan Borzykowski/for Metro Canada

GUY ARSENAULT PHOTO

Humbug is the third album from scrappy Brit-rockers the Arctic Monkeys.

Colbie Caillat

Album: Breakthrough
Label: Universal Republic /Universal **Rating:** ⊕⊕⊕

IF YOU WERE to look up inoffensive in the dictionary, you might find a picture of Colbie Caillat. The California-based singer's follow-up to her debut Coco, is another batch of easy-on-the-ears pop songs about relationship struggles. There's really not much to say about this — everything is catchy, but nothing is memorable. It's smooth, slick and pretty, especially Begin Again, there are a few twangy moments and Fearless has an R&B bent. Lifetime specials and heartbroken 20-somethings will love this.

Bryan Borzykowski/for Metro Canada

Imogen Heap

Album: Ellipse
Label: RCA/Sony
Rating: ⊕⊕⊕

MORE ELECTRONIC BELLS, beeps, buzzes and whistles from this arty English eccentric best known for her Frou Frou collaboration with Madonna producer Guy Sigsworth. Ellipse is a wonderfully crafted album with some lovely lyrical passages, layered vocal wisps, and even a couple of tracks suitable for radio (First Train Home and Swoon). Here's a CD that will give Sarah McLachlan fans something to do while waiting for the next egg to drop from their true ethereal song goddess.

Graham Rockingham/for Metro Canada

Matisyahu

Album: Light
Label: Epic/Sony
Rating: ⊕⊕⊕⊕½

OKAY, THE NOVELTY'S worn off. Yes, Matisyahu Miller is a convert to Orthodox Judaism. It was cute when his first CD came out ... "hasidic hip hop," ho ho ho. He was also a Deadhead, a Phish follower and, more to the point, a gifted singer and lyricist with a passion for urban reggae. On Light, Matisyahu spreads his forelocks (sorry, couldn't resist) further with a celebratory CD sure to gain him mainstream acceptance. Darkness Into Light — co-written with Good Charlotte's Benji and Joel Madden — is the track that will do it. But there's also I Will Be Light (yes, there's a theme here), We Will Walk and So Hi So Lo. Still, Matisyahu stays close to his reggae roots with help from people like rhythm masters Sly Dunbar and Robbie Shakespeare and fellow songwriter Trevor Hall. A great record in so many ways.

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Jet fuel up for return

Australian group reunites to make high-energy disc

Jet's new album, Shaka Rock, was released this week.

BRYAN BORZYKOWSKI
for Metro Canada

Jet drummer Chris Sester is on the phone outside of a Ramones museum in Berlin. In a few hours the band will play there, but unfortunately they're not covering a song by the legendary punk band. "That would have been great," says Sester, "but we had no time. We're probably the busiest right now than we've ever been."

That's saying a lot, considering the Australian rock foursome dominated the world's music scene in 2003, after they released their huge hit single Are You Gonna Be My Girl. However, Sester isn't actually sure if the band really is busier now than they were back then.

"I don't know if that's right because I can't remember," he says. "For three years it was just one long after party."

Sester sounds like he's joking, but he's not. After Get Born soared up the charts six years ago the group started living the rock 'n' roll high life. They abused drugs, alcohol and partied almost every night.

The band still managed to release Shine On in 2006, but it was a critical and commercial failure (at least compared to their multi-platinum debut). Soon enough the non-stop excess took its toll on the group and Jet, which includes Sester's brother Nic on vocals, parted ways.

"There was a period there where I didn't know what was happening," the drummer recalls. "I wasn't speaking to my brother. I didn't even know if he would answer the phone if I called."

About six months after the group split up Sester received a call from guitarist Cam Muncey. "He's like, 'what are you doing? I'm bored out of my brain. Are we going to do this?'" And just like that the band members convened in New York and showed each other all the songs they had been working on during their downtime.

Eventually the band entered the studio and recorded their third disc Shaka Rock. It's another high-energy rock record, though it's far more infectious and engaging than Shine On.

Even though this doesn't sound like a new band, in a way it is. Sester points out that in order to keep Jet alive, the band had to ditch their label and all the hangers on that enabled their out-of-control lifestyle.

"One of our provisions was that we had to do everything differently," he explains. "We fired everyone that worked for us. We just decided we needed to start again. We produced the record ourselves, didn't record in L.A. and we didn't spend a ton of money."

It's clear, just from listening to Sester speak, how excited the band is to be back on the road. And he says they're all getting a long really well — though it's still going to take some time before the friendships are fully repaired.

"I told my brother recently that everyone is getting a long so great, we should move back into the same city instead of living in four different countries," Sester reveals. "He responded, 'Don't push your luck. Let's just take it slow.'"

"We just decided we needed to start again. We produced the record ourselves, didn't record in L.A. and we didn't spend a ton of money."
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Li to film Ocean Paradise

Jet Li is set to thrill audiences in his native China. According to The Chengdu Shangbao newspaper, the 46 year old's next movie will be the Chinese-language film Ocean Paradise. FEMALEFIRST.CO.UK

R.E.M. packages Dublin shows on new album

MUSIC R.E.M.'s "working rehearsals" in Ireland for the band's most recent studio album, 2008's Accelerate, are the subject of the group's new live album, R.E.M. Live at the Olympia, which comes out Oct. 27.

The two-disc set was recorded during July 2007 at the Olympia club in Dublin, where the group played five shows during their recording of Accelerate. It's R.E.M.'s second concert souvenir in three years, after 2007's R.E.M. Live.

Bassist-keyboardist Mike Mills told Billboard.com that the Olympia stand "did the things we wanted it to do in terms of not only generating excitement for the record, but it also helped us, I think, to make a better record."

R.E.M. had already gone into Accelerate with a desire to make a more rocking, live-on-the-floor kind of album than its more laboured-over predecessors, Up and Around the Sun. The live dates, Mills said, were a test for the new songs.

R.E.M. Live at the Olympia is to be released on Oct. 27

"So often when you make a record you haven't played the songs live," he said, "and then you start taking them out on tour and they get faster or you change parts and think, 'Man, I wish we had done that on the album. I didn't want to have that this time. I wanted to play them live so we could get all that out of the way and really know what we wanted to do with the songs in the studio."

Guitarist Peter Buck concurred that the Olympia shows "really helped us focus on what the record was all about. It was really nice to play the songs in a kind of adrenalized setting in front of people. REUTERS

Runaways filming was 'surreal': Jett

Movie about groundbreaking rock band to be released in 2010

Joan Jett is enthusiastic about The Runaways, the upcoming film based on the maligned but influential all-female rock band that she co-founded and led from 1975-79.

The movie, which is partly based on Runaways singer Cherie Currie's 1989 memoir, Neon Angel, stars Twilight star Kristen Stewart as Jett, Dakota Fanning as Currie and Michael Shannon as the group's original producer, Kim Fowley.

It was directed by Floria Sigismondi, and its release is planned for 2010.

"It was very surreal and hard, to put a word on (it)," Jett, who executive produced the film and was on hand for the filming, told Billboard.com.

"If anything, it definitely made me smile. It reinforces my love for the band and the fact (that) I think it was an extremely important band, regardless of our level of success in America. It just reinforces my love of the whole time and of the band and what we did and how it was implausible and improbable at the same time."

JEMAL COUNTESS/GETTY IMAGES

Musician Joan Jett attends a memorial reception for Les Paul at the Gibson Guitar Showroom on Aug. 19, 2009 in New York City.

Jett hastened to explain that The Runaways is "absolutely not a biopic. It's not fact-for-fact. What they did was basically take elements from the Runaways story and created a parallel narrative."

Jett and Currie each coached their cinematic counterparts during the filming, and Jett was particularly impressed by Stewart, who came to the set almost immediately after wrapping the second Twilight film, New Moon.

"Kristen was so into it, into the whole vibe of doing this," Jett said.

"Kristen (Stewart) was so into it, into the whole vibe of doing this. I think she felt a weight and a responsibility to interpret it correctly." Joan Jett

"I think she felt a weight and a responsibility to interpret it correctly. She was really serious about it and was watching me and asking me all sorts of questions, from speech aspects to watching my body language, watching where I stood, watching my guitar playing. She really worked hard to get it right."

The Runaways were the subject of a 2004 documentary, Edgeplay: A Film About the Runaways.

Soundtrack details are being worked out for the film. Jett, meanwhile, is considering releasing a new greatest hits album in 2010 that might include some of the new material she's been working on. REUTERS

Laurie dreamt up guerrilla ad campaign for House

Snakes on a cane. Sound familiar? Perhaps, during commercial breaks on Fox, you've seen the flashes of a caduceus that uses a cane instead of a staff.

You might have seen the symbol drawn with chalk on New York streets. Or even clicked through to the phrase's cryptic Web site.

Fox is set to announce what many who have spied the symbol already suspect: It has been a summerlong guerrilla marketing promotion for Season 6 of House in the fall.

Yet few would guess that the idea came from House star Hugh Laurie.

In the spring, the actor thought of the "snakes on a cane" phrase, sketched the symbol and mentioned it to Fox's marketing department, which ran with the idea as an innovative teaser campaign.

"Teaser campaigns are usually reserved for Year 1 shows," Joe Earley, Fox's executive vice president of marketing and communications, said. "Rarely would you do something like this for a show that's already established."

ADAM TAYLOR/FOX

Hugh Laurie, star of Fox's House, came up with an idea for cryptic ads.

House is set to return Sept. 21 and likely will continue its reign as the network's highest-rated drama.

Usually networks reserve their most creative marketing efforts for new shows, but Fox elected to buck tradition to promote its veteran hit. But with competitors launching three new medical dramas this season, House could benefit from some extra attention.

The first part of the campaign spread the symbol without any context. The second phase added a clock counting down to the House premiere date on the campaign's Web site and five-second "subliminal" ads during Fox programming, which remained cryptic and avoided showing a direct connection to House. One ad was a full-page placement in a major publication without a title or tune-in date.

Online viewers' myriad guesses about the symbol have ranged from something related to the president's health care plan to a campaign for a new movie.

"We were really able to hit a wide range of people," Earley said. "House doesn't need a teaser campaign, but given how brilliant it is, it's intrigued people in a new way."

The crucial part is ensuring that viewers make the connection between the teaser "snakes on a cane" imagery and House. REUTERS

Jason Winer to direct Shining City

FILM Rising TV director Jason Winer is in negotiations to make his feature film debut on Shining City, the big-screen adaptation of the novel by Seth Greenland.

The book centres on a recently unemployed suburban dad whose brother dies, leaving a dry-cleaning business. He discovers the business is a front for a prostitution ring, takes it over and starts yuppifying it.

Third XXX movie taps director Core

FILM Ericson Core has signed to direct XXX: The Return of Xander Cage, the third installment in the action franchise. Vin Diesel is reprising the role of the extreme sports athlete-turned-government operative, which he originated in the 2002 movie directed by Rob Cohen.

Singing Bee getting encore on CMT

TELEVISION Karaoke game show The Singing Bee pulled in 1.5 million viewers in its debut on CMT in June — making it the highest-rated series debut ever on the cable network — and now CMT has ordered 20 more episodes of the show. REUTERS

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	209	342	6	CHRO	The Road to Avonlea		Grey's Anatomy		Grey's Anatomy		(10:02) Private Practice		Comedy Now
	196	311	7	CTV	Hollywood	etalk	CSI: NY "Trapped"		CSI: Crime Scene Invstgtn.		The Listener (N)		CTV News
	208	303	8	CBC	Coronation St.	Jeopardy!	Canine Confidential		This Beat Goes On (N)		CBC News: The National		The Hour
	-	360	9	NBC	Wheel-Fortune	Jeopardy!	30 Rock	Parks-Recreat	The Office	30 Rock	Law & Order (HDTV)		News
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	218	345	18	E!	The Insider (N)	E! News	*The Grudge* ★★ (2004, Horror) Sarah Michelle Gellar.				The Beast		News/Eleven
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	410	403	52	SCR	Poker		U.S. Women's Soccer Team		Pokerstars Caribbean Adv.		Score Tonight		Final Score
	411	457	56	OLN	Ghost Hunters		Bounty Hunter	Bounty Hunter	Survivorman		Ghost Hunters		Bounty Hunter
	417	406	59	SC	Pimp My Ride	Pass Time	Pinks -- All Out (HDTV)		Jacked! (N)	Jacked!	Wrecked (N)	Wrecked	Pimp My Ride
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	294	529	47	TBS	Family Guy	Family Guy	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	*Aeon Flux* ★★ (2005, Science Fiction)		
	600	564	49	H&G	House Hunters	Property Virgin	Handyman Superstar		Disaster DIY	Big Amazing	House Hunters	House Hunters	Holmes-Homes
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	602	567	62	W	Style by Jury	Friends	Divine Design	House	Confidential	Save Us-House	Divine Design	Love It-List It	House
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	603	561	95	FN	Chef at Home	Crash-Kitchen	Restaurant Makeover		Jamie's Kitchen		Ace of Cakes	Ace of Cakes	Boys Weekend

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The View From Here

It's not easy having a crusader in the family, as Nina Beveridge illustrates in "The Idealist: James Beveridge, Film Guru," a portrait of her father. A co-founder of the National Film Board of Canada, Beveridge was dedicated to making political films that he hoped would lead to change. But his dedication to his career left him little time for his family. Was it worth it? 8 PM on 2 TVO

NFL Preseason Football

An intrastate rivalry gets revisited tonight at Raymond James Stadium in Tampa, Fla., where the Buccaneers host the Miami Dolphins. Chad Pennington and the Fish hope to build on a surprising 11-5 2008 season that saw them win the AFC East. As for the Bucs, 9-7 in '08, they're starting over after firing coach Jon Gruden and blowing up their roster, a response to a disheartening season-ending loss to the Oakland Raiders that caused them to miss the playoffs. 8 PM on 36 FOX

Gosselin's new TV gig

Embattled reality TV mom Kate Gosselin will be a guest host on ABC's The View on Sept. 14 and 15, people.com reports. She will be filling in for Elisabeth Hasselbeck, who is on maternity leave. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Celebrity Buzz

Pair had violent past, court docs show

ON RECORD Court documents reveal Rihanna and Chris Brown had two previous violent episodes before the Feb. 8 fight, which ultimately led to Brown's arrest and felony conviction, people.com is reporting.

Rihanna allegedly slapped her then-boyfriend Brown in a heated argument three months prior to the February incident, according to Brown's probation review released Tuesday.

In that fight, which occurred in Europe, documents say the couple "were involved in a verbal dispute and (she) slapped (him)." Brown "responded by shoving her into a wall."

A second fight occurred about three weeks prior to the Feb. 8 incident.

Brown and Rihanna "were visiting Barbados and were driving a Range Rover loaned to them," according to the documents. "They had an argument inside the car. (Brown) exited and broke the front driver and passenger side windows of the car. No one was injured during the incident."

The documents also reveal that in the Feb. 8 incident, which began after Brown allegedly received a text message from a previous lover, that Rihanna "said she became 'enraged' and slammed both of her fists against the dashboard." Brown then pulled the Lamborghini over and tried to force her out, which escalated into a physical fight.

Lawyers for both Rihanna, 21, and Brown, 20, weren't immediately available for comment. In a June 26 interview with his probation officer, Brown stated that since the Feb. 8 fight, he had been very "depressed." Brown stated he grew up watching his mother being physically abused and said he did not want to "carry on that cycle."

Brown repeatedly told the officer he regretted the incident, and said he initially wanted to plead guilty right away, but his attorney advised against it.

Brown was formally sentenced Tuesday to six months of community labour, five years probation, and was ordered not to contact Rihanna for the next five years, people.com reports.

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Justice will be served: La Toya

AVENGER? La Toya Jackson has called for "justice to be served" following her brother's death, female-first.co.uk reports.

Michael Jackson's sister is "relieved" court documents have revealed his death is being treated as a homicide, weeks after she publicly declared "shadowy members" of his entourage had murdered him.

She said in a statement: "I am thankful to the investigators for uncovering the truth to the world. I look forward to the day that justice will be served to all the parties involved in my brother's homicide."

Although Jackson's statement was brief, fans will be able to hear her full views on Michael's passing next month. She is set to give her first interview since his death on June 25 to Barbara Walters on 20/20 on Sept. 11.

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LiLo to televise career relaunch?

DOCUMENTED Lindsay Lohan is sure of at least one thing about her attempt at a career comeback: It would make compelling television.

The actress is reportedly in talks with Britney Spears' manager, Larry Rudolph, to develop a reality show about Lohan's troubled life.

"Rudolph is helping Lohan with a potential reality show that will encapsulate her trials and tribulations as she gets back on her feet and actually becomes a working actress again," a source told Fox News.

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Celebrity tweets

Paris Hilton reveals her Secret for success, Miley Cyrus keeps up on all the obscure holidays so you don't have to and Russell Simmons dishes out advice on improving your yoga technique.

• @parishilton What a long day! So tired, in bed reading The Secret, such an amazing book. This is my third time reading it. I really do believe in it. :)

• @mileycyrus Happy National Dog Day! Woof Woof!

• @UncleRUSH A great yogi says in difficult poses u should practice "having joyful eyes". So Soften the face ... Smile and breathe!!

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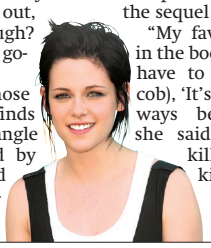
Even film breakups are hard: Kristen

SO SENSITIVE Kristen Stewart doesn't take breakups lightly — even those on film, people.com reports.

"Everything in our movie, it's such a heightened version of reality," the Twilight star, 19, told MTV News. "People don't just break up (in the films) — they break up and it literally kills you. It's not like you just say, 'Oh, I'm really depressed and crying.' I always had a really hard time figuring out, 'Am I doing enough? Do I look like I'm going to die?'"

Stewart — whose character Bella finds herself in a love triangle with Jacob (played by Taylor Lautner) and Edward (Robert Pattinson) — says she struggled when she had to film a specific scene for the sequel New Moon.



"My favourite line in the book is when I have to say to (Jacob), 'It's him; it's always been him!'" she said. "Yeah, it killed me. It killed me."

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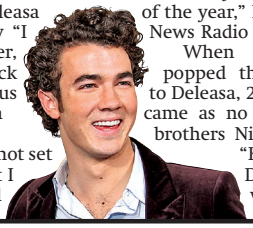
Winter wedding bells for Kevin?

PLANS UNDERWAY Kevin Jonas and his fiancée Danielle Deleasa will likely say "I do" this winter, his brother Nick revealed, us magazine.com reports.



"They have not set a date yet, but I think that it'll be sometime around the end of the year, beginning of the year," he told ABC News Radio on Monday.

When Kevin, 21, popped the question to Deleasa, 22, in July, it came as no surprise to brothers Nick and Joe.

"Kevin and Danielle were on the beach walking, and Joe was like, 'Oh, they're gonna get married,'" he said. "A couple years later, they were engaged and now we're here."

Nick said he doesn't know if he or Joe will serve as best man to Kevin: "He's working it all out, but we'll see what happens."

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Oksana and Mel's baby a girl

ON THE WAY Mel Gibson took Oksana Grigorieva, his pregnant girlfriend, out for a romantic lunch in L.A. recently, the Daily Mail reports, and a source said they couldn't be happier: "She's a very calming girl and will be a stabilizing influence on him."

Grigorieva recently revealed that their child — Gibson's eighth — will be a girl.

METRO WORLD NEWS

No baby on board, Anna says

RUMOUR MILL Anna Paquin is not annoyed with false reports that she's having a baby. In fact, a very special part of her body is downright "flattered" by the suggestion, popeater.com reports.

The True Blood star joked to Extra: "My uterus is really flattered that everyone cares, but sorry, no occupants."

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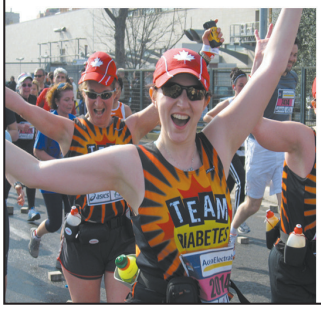

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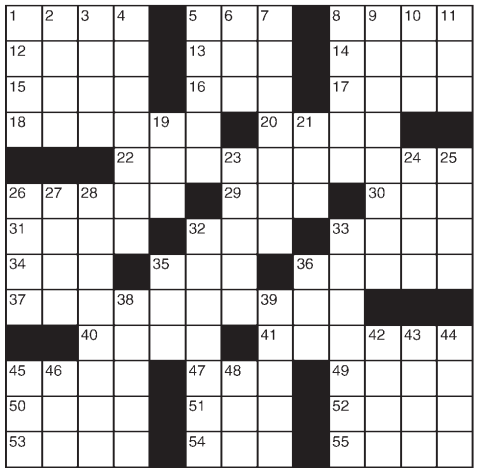

Sudoku

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HOW TO PLAY: Digits 1 through 9 will appear once in each zone — one zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine zones in the puzzle. Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same zone, row across or column down the entire puzzle.

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8 Benedict XVI, e.g.
12 Places
13 Group of scenes
14 Acknowledge
15 Unoriginal one
16 Geese-in-flight formation
17 Rose or Townshend
18 Shrew
20 Go sightseeing
22 Accepts the truth
26 Make one
29 Speck
30 Feedbag morsel
31 Logical
32 Wrestling victory
33 Carvey or Delany
34 Citric drink
35 Pendulum site?
36 Brave
37 Office equipment
40 Chess piece
41 Gunman's missile
45 Connections
47 Egos' counterparts
49 Tiny bit
50 Drudgery
51 Poolroom stick
52 Wound cover
53 On the — (unfriend-ly)
54 Bart, to Homer
55 Throw

DOWN

1 Balkan native
2 Arizona tribe
3 Big name in desktop PCs
4 He can hold his head high
5 Destruction
6 Blackjack component
7 Cowboy hat
8 — New Guinea
9 Cold-weather gear
10 Cauldron
11 Ram's mate
19 Festive
21 Frequently
23 Archie's wife
24 Catches some rays
25 Remain
26 Mil. branch
27 Zilch
28 Unskilled
32 Eaters' outings
33 Swordplay specialist
35 Manhandle
36 Wildebeest
38 Mardi Gras "faces"
39 Peer Gynt playwright
42 Crazy
43 H H H, in Greece
44 Surveillance
45 Pair
46 Debtor's letters
48 Pair

PREVIOUS DAY'S CROSSWORD AND SUDOKU ANSWERS:

9	5	2	7	6	1	4	3	8
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Metro Recipe of the Day

SARAH POMPER

Peaches & Poppy Seed Sour Cream Pancakes

Submitted by Loreene Jalbert, New Westminster, B.C.

INGREDIENTS:

2 tbsp (30ml) butter, melted
2 cups (500ml) all-purpose flour
1/4 cup (50ml) granulated sugar
2 tbsp (30ml) poppy seed
1 tbsp (15ml) baking powder
1/2 tsp (2ml) salt
2 eggs
1 1/2 cups (375ml) milk
1 cup (250ml) sour cream
1 tsp (5ml) vanilla
Butter for cooking pancakes

METHOD:

1. Peel peaches and slice into thin wedges.
2. In microwave, melt 2 tbsp butter in small bowl.
3. In large bowl, with fork, stir flour with sugar, poppy seed, baking powder and salt. Make a well in centre.
3. In medium bowl, whisk eggs with milk, sour cream, melted butter and vanilla. Pour into well in flour mixture and stir until evenly mixed(but do not beat mixture).
4. Melt 1 tsp butter in frying pan over medium heat. Pour batter, making silver-dollar size pancakes, or use 1/4 cup measure to pour batter. Top each pancake with 1-4 peach wedges, pushing peaches into batter. Cook until pancake surface is covered in bubbles and edges start to brown, 2-3 minutes. Turn pancakes over and cook 2-3 minutes until golden brown.
5. Place cooked pancakes on plate and keep warm in low temperature oven while cooking rest of pancakes. Serve pancakes with pure maple syrup.

SERVES 4
PREP TIME: 15 MINUTES
COOK TIME: 15 MINUTES

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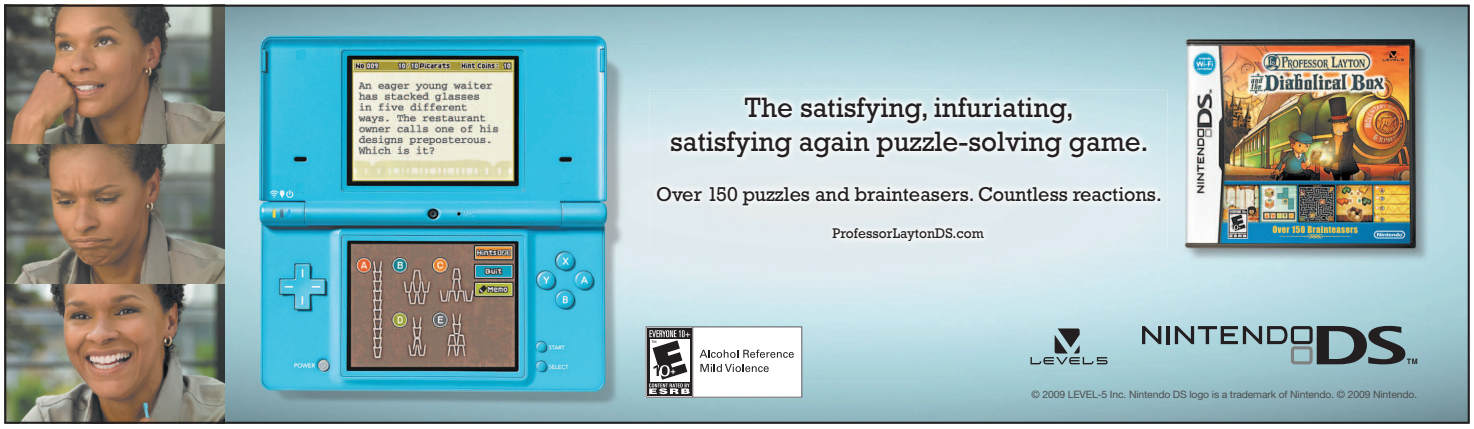

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ARIES ♈
MARCH 21-APRIL 20
You may be tempted to tell someone what they want to hear, but you won't be doing them, or yourself, any favours.

TAURUS ♉
APRIL 21-MAY 21
The more a friend tries to match you up with someone you're not interested in the more you must say no.

GEMINI ♊
MAY 22-JUNE 21
You can't decide about a money matter. But forget how much is in your bank account and just do what feels right.

CANCER ♋
JUNE 22-JULY 22
Try to stay calm today and, if at all possible, stay out of the way of people who rub you up the wrong way.

LEO ♌
JULY 23-AUG 23
You may not trust a certain individual but is your suspicion grounded in fact or is it merely a reflection of your prejudices?

VIRGO ♍
AUG 24-SEPT 22
Avoid getting involved in other people's disputes today, especially if you would like to stay friends with both parties.

LIBRA ♎
SEPT 23-OCT 23
Whatever you lose today or tomorrow you will make up for over the coming weekend, so there is really no need to worry.

SCORPIO ♏
OCT 24-NOV 22
With Venus, planet of harmony, transiting the career area of your chart, you'll do better to empathize with colleagues.

SAGITTARIUS ♐
NOV 23-DEC 21
Your options may be limited at the moment but soon conditions will change and you can start moving forwards again.

CAPRICORN ♑
DEC 22-JAN 20
Someone's trying to get you to do things that are to their advantage but not to yours. Don't be fooled by their act.

AQUARIUS ♒
JAN 21-FEB 18
The cosmic setup is pushing you to do more at work, and that's good, but don't end up exhausting yourself.

PISCES ♓
FEB 19-MARCH 20
You don't like to turn people away when they ask for help, but watch out today as others aim to get rich at your expense.

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